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August Egg Production Up 1 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 7.64 billion during August 2006, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.56 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 65 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2006 averaged 341 million, up slightly from last year. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,239 eggs, up 1 percent from August 2005.

All layers in the U.S. on September 1, 2006, totaled 342 million, up 1 percent from last year. The 342 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.73 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 2006, averaged 72.6 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from September 1, 2005.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 10 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during August 2006 totaled 34.9 million, down 10 percent from August 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.8 million on September 1, 2006, up 4 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 253,000 during August 2006, down 3 percent from August 2005.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched Down Slightly

Broiler-type chicks hatched during August 2006 totaled 809 million, down slightly from August 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 656 million on September 1, 2006, up slightly from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.63 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2006, up 2 percent from August 2005.

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**All Layers: Average Number on Hand During the Month,
United States, 2004-06**

Month	2004	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 Layers</i>	<i>1,000 Layers</i>	<i>1,000 Layers</i>
Dec ¹	339,305	345,618	348,545
Jan	337,948	347,864	349,246
Feb	338,905	348,791	349,764
Mar	340,699	346,959	350,088
Apr	341,550	343,574	348,154
May	341,562	341,819	344,718
Jun	342,513	339,856	342,175
Jul	343,180	338,573	340,743
Aug	343,653	339,351	341,007
Sep	344,452	340,914	
Oct	345,075	342,823	
Nov	344,633	345,874	

¹ December preceding year.

**Eggs: Production During the Month by Type,
United States, 2005-06 ¹**

Month	Total Eggs		Table Eggs		Hatching Eggs	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>Million Eggs</i>					
Dec ²	7,721	7,791	6,636	6,703	1,086	1,088
Jan	7,626	7,721	6,526	6,624	1,101	1,097
Feb	6,928	6,977	5,915	5,988	1,014	989
Mar	7,738	7,837	6,610	6,735	1,129	1,103
Apr	7,407	7,535	6,311	6,469	1,097	1,066
May	7,572	7,627	6,439	6,520	1,133	1,107
Jun	7,346	7,393	6,250	6,338	1,096	1,056
Jul	7,563	7,636	6,444	6,551	1,120	1,085
Aug	7,528	7,635	6,425	6,556	1,104	1,079
Sep	7,348		6,279		1,070	
Oct	7,665		6,561		1,104	
Nov	7,514		6,459		1,055	
During Year	89,960		76,859		13,103	

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

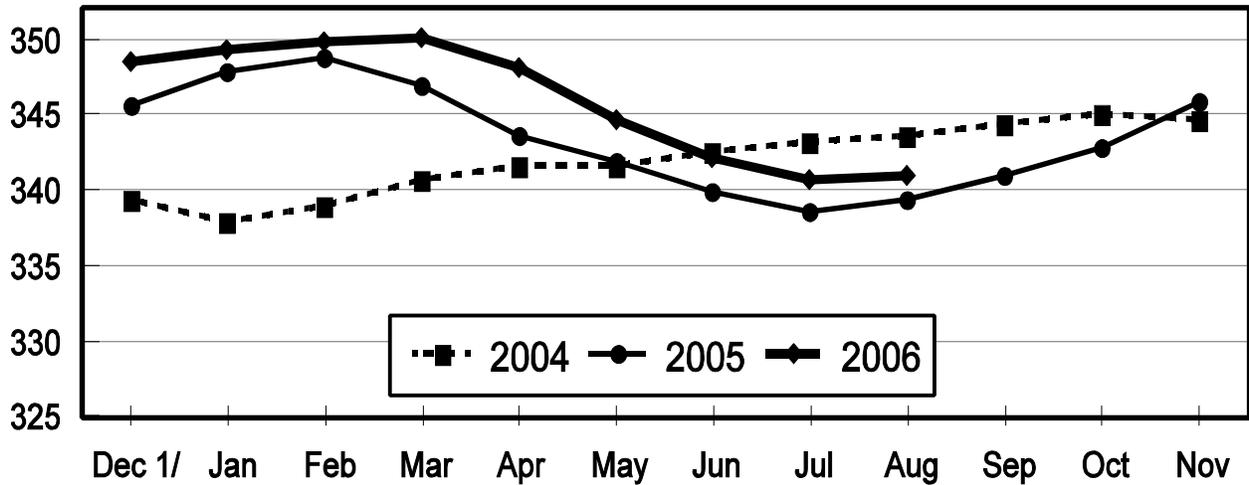
² December preceding year.

Average Number of Layers

United States, 2004 - 2006

During the Month

Million Layers



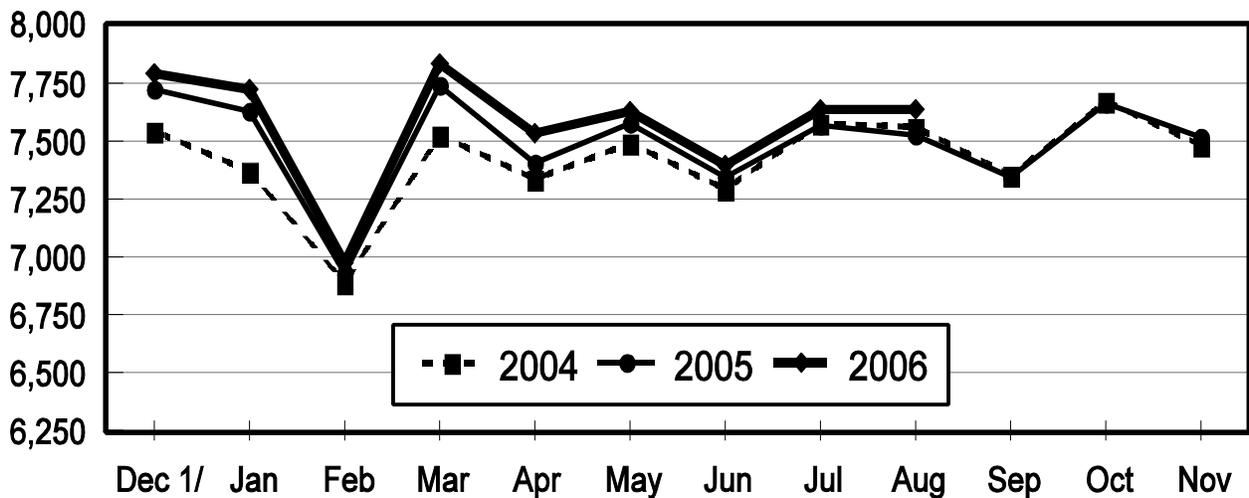
1/ Previous Year

All Egg Production

United States, 2004 - 2006

During the Month

Million Eggs



1/ Previous Year

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
and Forced Molt, United States, July-August 2005-06 ¹**

Item	Unit	2005	2006 ²	2006 as % of 2005
Layers During Jul	1,000			
All Layers		338,573	340,743	101
Table Egg Type		279,965	283,913	101
Hatching Egg Type		58,608	56,830	97
Broiler-Type Hatching		55,966	54,039	97
Egg-Type Hatching		2,642	2,791	106
Eggs per 100 Layers During Jul	Number			
All Layers		2,234	2,241	100
Table Egg Type		2,302	2,307	100
Hatching Egg Type		1,911	1,909	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,889	1,886	100
Egg-Type Hatching		2,385	2,365	99
Eggs Produced During Jul	Million			
All Layers		7,563	7,636	101
Table Egg Type		6,444	6,551	102
Hatching Egg Type		1,120	1,085	97
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,057	1,019	96
Egg-Type Hatching		63	66	105
Layers on Aug 1	1,000			
All Layers		338,674	340,223	100
Table Egg Type		280,125	283,433	101
Hatching Egg Type		58,549	56,790	97
Broiler-Type Hatching		55,902	54,034	97
Egg-Type Hatching		2,647	2,756	104
Eggs per 100 Layers on Aug 1	Number			
All Layers		71.3	71.7	101
Table Egg Type		73.5	73.8	100
Hatching Egg Type		60.9	61.3	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		60.3	60.6	100
Egg-Type Hatching		74.3	76.1	102
Forced Molt Layers on Aug 1	Percent			
Percent Being Molted		4.3	4.2	98
Percent with Molt Completed		22.1	25.2	114
Layers Sold for Slaughter During Jul	1,000	16,079	11,401	71
Layers Rendered, Died, Destroyed, Composted or Disappeared For Any Reason During Jul	1,000	5,967	9,175	154
Pullets on Aug 1	1,000	101,174	101,511	100
Pullets Added During Jul ³	1,000	23,043	21,229	92

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² Revised.

³ Pullet chicks less than 3 days old added to pullet flocks.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type,
and Forced Molt, United States, August-September 2005-06 ¹**

Item	Unit	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
Layers During Aug	1,000			
All Layers		339,351	341,007	100
Table Egg Type		280,984	284,272	101
Hatching Egg Type		58,367	56,735	97
Broiler-Type Hatching		55,692	53,991	97
Egg-Type Hatching		2,675	2,744	103
Eggs per 100 Layers During Aug	Number			
All Layers		2,218	2,239	101
Table Egg Type		2,287	2,306	101
Hatching Egg Type		1,891	1,902	101
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,871	1,878	100
Egg-Type Hatching		2,318	2,369	102
Eggs Produced During Aug	Million			
All Layers		7,528	7,635	101
Table Egg Type		6,425	6,556	102
Hatching Egg Type		1,104	1,079	98
Broiler-Type Hatching		1,042	1,014	97
Egg-Type Hatching		62	65	105
Layers on Sep 1	1,000			
All Layers		339,984	341,749	101
Table Egg Type		281,821	285,089	101
Hatching Egg Type		58,163	56,660	97
Broiler-Type Hatching		55,467	53,934	97
Egg-Type Hatching		2,696	2,726	101
Eggs per 100 Layers on Sep 1	Number			
All Layers		71.7	72.6	101
Table Egg Type		73.9	74.9	101
Hatching Egg Type		61.0	61.2	100
Broiler-Type Hatching		60.2	60.5	100
Egg-Type Hatching		76.3	75.8	99
Forced Molt Layers on Sep 1	Percent			
Percent Being Molted		4.4	3.4	77
Percent with Molt Completed		22.4	25.8	115
Layers Sold for Slaughter During Aug	1,000	13,934	12,711	91
Layers Rendered, Died, Destroyed, Composted or Disappeared For Any Reason During Aug	1,000	7,231	7,836	108
Pullets on Sep 1	1,000	101,132	100,963	100
Pullets Added During Aug ²	1,000	23,635	22,673	96

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² Pullet chicks less than 3 days old added to pullet flocks.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by State
and United States, During July 2005-06**

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All Layers ¹		Eggs per 100 for All Layers ¹	
	2005	2006 ²	2005	2006 ²	2005	2006 ²
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
AL	1,780	1,457	9,220	8,562	1,898	1,974
AR	4,040	4,167	14,414	13,976	1,998	1,939
CA	18,405	18,443	18,938	18,957	2,234	2,121
CO	3,278	3,210	3,795	3,703	2,398	2,511
CT	2,954	2,643	3,010	2,703	2,425	2,294
FL	10,604	10,228	11,080	10,619	2,256	2,222
GA	9,776	9,399	18,919	18,569	2,114	2,079
HI	460	422	487	438	2,033	1,963
IL	4,223	4,790	4,453	5,028	2,336	2,287
IN	22,614	23,526	23,360	24,251	2,226	2,284
IA	46,348	50,086	47,101	50,823	2,314	2,357
ME	4,207	4,000	4,266	4,065	2,110	2,263
MD	2,765	2,475	2,876	2,605	2,399	2,380
MI	7,769	8,264	8,022	8,521	2,319	2,371
MN	10,393	10,487	10,926	10,934	2,288	2,232
MS	1,593	1,610	6,855	6,361	2,042	2,075
MO	5,895	6,094	7,266	7,206	2,230	2,304
NE	11,943	11,665	12,018	11,740	2,297	2,232
NY	3,976	3,950	4,305	4,208	2,416	2,519
NC	3,327	3,134	10,932	10,718	1,994	2,053
OH	27,347	26,986	27,841	27,495	2,266	2,233
OR	2,733	2,506	2,926	2,682	2,461	2,424
PA	21,227	21,601	23,045	23,503	2,382	2,438
SC	3,758	3,853	5,037	5,018	2,045	2,112
SD	2,927	3,178	3,027	3,278	2,213	2,227
TX	12,904	14,252	17,307	18,702	2,271	2,246
VA	1,407	1,325	3,325	3,159	2,226	1,994
WA	4,825	4,627	4,889	4,691	2,229	2,345
WI	4,309	4,089	4,806	4,602	2,414	2,303
Oth Sts ³	16,247	15,662	24,127	23,626	2,197	2,222
US	274,034	278,129	338,573	340,743	2,234	2,241

¹ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

² Revised.

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**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by State
and United States, During August 2005-06**

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All Layers ¹		Eggs per 100 for All Layers ¹	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
AL	1,721	1,512	9,074	8,615	1,862	1,962
AR	4,062	4,261	14,186	13,988	1,995	1,966
CA	18,731	18,479	19,260	18,986	2,186	2,154
CO	3,290	3,363	3,843	3,868	2,368	2,456
CT	2,854	2,606	2,911	2,665	2,473	2,439
FL	10,730	10,099	11,210	10,498	2,248	2,296
GA	9,617	9,595	18,849	18,818	2,058	2,088
HI	467	413	491	429	1,935	1,911
IL	4,146	4,884	4,372	5,122	2,356	2,226
IN	22,742	23,665	23,525	24,357	2,176	2,250
IA	46,744	49,731	47,500	50,466	2,301	2,350
ME	4,227	3,960	4,287	4,026	2,169	2,335
MD	2,706	2,483	2,808	2,608	2,457	2,339
MI	7,694	8,598	7,944	8,850	2,253	2,350
MN	10,598	10,274	11,128	10,723	2,265	2,229
MS	1,614	1,603	6,850	6,295	1,971	2,081
MO	5,772	6,026	7,136	7,116	2,186	2,305
NE	11,922	11,574	11,997	11,649	2,334	2,309
NY	3,965	3,979	4,291	4,237	2,424	2,502
NC	3,458	3,363	11,061	10,945	1,971	2,047
OH	27,499	27,202	28,000	27,716	2,286	2,190
OR	2,739	2,515	2,932	2,674	2,422	2,393
PA	21,516	21,336	23,371	23,260	2,323	2,425
SC	3,640	3,763	4,825	4,958	2,135	2,138
SD	2,960	3,171	3,060	3,271	2,255	2,232
TX	12,997	14,331	17,359	18,789	2,252	2,251
VA	1,394	1,344	3,347	3,198	2,181	1,939
WA	4,788	4,702	4,851	4,765	2,288	2,267
WI	4,250	4,095	4,746	4,595	2,339	2,394
Oth Sts ²	16,213	15,561	24,137	23,520	2,221	2,207
US	275,056	278,488	339,351	341,007	2,218	2,239

¹ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

² Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

**Egg Production: By Type, State, and United States,
July 2005-06¹**

State	Total Production		Table Eggs ²		Hatching Eggs ²	
	2005	2006 ³	2005	2006 ³	2005	2006 ³
	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>
AL	175	169	37	36	138	133
AR	288	271	97	95	191	176
CA	423	402				
CO	91	93				
CT	73	62				
FL	250	236	242	229	8	7
GA	400	386	224	209	176	177
HI	9.9	8.6	9.9	8.6	0	0
IL	104	115	100	111	4	4
IN	520	554	508	541	12	13
IA	1,090	1,198				
ME	90	92				
MD	69	62	67	60	2	2
MI	186	202				
MN	250	244	242	236	8	8
MS	140	132	38	40	102	92
MO	162	166				
NE	276	262	276	262	0	0
NY	104	106				
NC	218	220	80	80	138	140
OH	631	614				
OR	72	65	70	63	2	2
PA	549	573	531	552	18	21
SC	103	106	81	87	22	19
SD	67	73	67	73	0	0
TX	393	420				
VA	74	63	37	30	37	33
WA	109	110				
WI	116	106				
Oth Sts ⁴	530	525	405	398	126	127
US	7,563	7,636	6,444	6,551	1,120	1,085

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in US totals.

³ Revised.

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**Egg Production: By Type, State, and United States,
August 2005-06 ¹**

State	Total Production		Table Eggs ²		Hatching Eggs ²	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	<i>Million Eggs</i>
AL	169	169	35	37	134	132
AR	283	275	97	99	186	176
CA	421	409				
CO	91	95				
CT	72	65				
FL	252	241	245	234	7	7
GA	388	393	211	216	177	177
HI	9.5	8.2	9.5	8.2	0	0
IL	103	114	100	110	3	4
IN	512	548	499	536	13	12
IA	1,093	1,186				
ME	93	94				
MD	69	61	67	59	2	2
MI	179	208				
MN	252	239	244	231	8	8
MS	135	131	37	39	98	92
MO	156	164				
NE	280	269	280	269	0	0
NY	104	106				
NC	218	224	83	85	135	139
OH	640	607				
OR	71	64	69	62	2	2
PA	543	564	525	543	18	21
SC	103	106	83	85	20	21
SD	69	73	69	73	0	0
TX	391	423				
VA	73	62	36	29	37	33
WA	111	108				
WI	111	110				
Oth Sts ³	536	519	411	394	126	125
US	7,528	7,635	6,425	6,556	1,104	1,079

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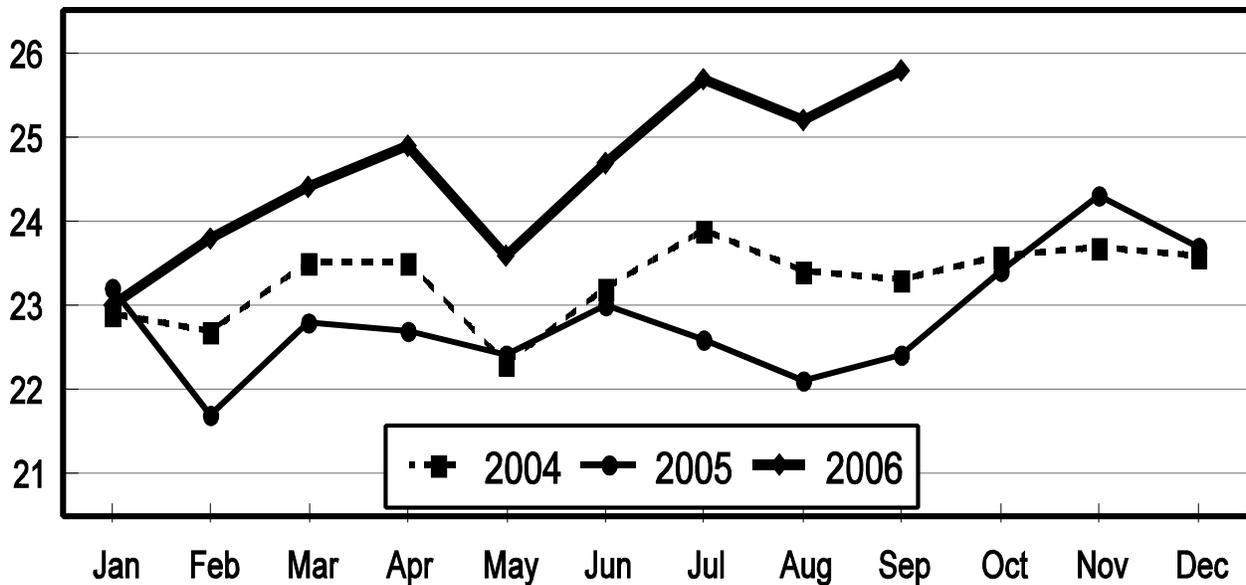
**Forced Molt: Percent of All Layers by Month,
United States, 2005-06 ¹**

Month	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Jan	4.1	4.3	23.2	23.0
Feb	4.6	5.2	21.7	23.8
Mar	3.0	4.0	22.8	24.4
Apr	4.1	2.3	22.7	24.9
May	4.0	5.4	22.4	23.6
Jun	4.2	4.7	23.0	24.7
Jul	3.3	3.5	22.6	25.7
Aug	4.3	4.2	22.1	25.2
Sep	4.4	3.4	22.4	25.8
Oct	3.9		23.4	
Nov	3.1		24.3	
Dec	2.8		23.7	

¹ As of first of month.

All Layers: Percent Molt Completed United States, 2004 - 2006 First of the Month

Percent



**Forced Molt: Percent of All Layers by State
and United States, September 2005-06 ¹**

State	Percent Being Molted		Percent with Molt Completed	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	2.0	0.0	5.0	4.5
AR	3.0	2.0	10.5	8.0
CA	9.5	5.0	31.0	37.0
CO	6.5	2.5	21.0	21.0
CT	0.0	0.0	10.0	17.0
FL	4.0	7.5	30.0	41.0
GA	4.0	2.0	13.5	11.5
HI	9.5	8.5	46.5	54.0
IL	2.0	5.5	30.0	33.5
IN	2.5	3.0	28.5	32.0
IA	6.5	4.5	32.5	34.0
ME	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
MD	7.5	0.0	40.0	44.5
MI	8.5	7.5	27.0	21.5
MN	3.0	3.5	22.0	36.0
MS	2.0	2.0	9.0	12.0
MO	1.0	1.0	21.0	24.5
NE	4.5	2.5	25.0	27.5
NY	3.5	1.5	8.5	11.5
NC	1.0	1.0	8.5	9.5
OH	3.5	3.0	18.0	28.0
OR	8.5	6.0	32.0	26.5
PA	5.0	2.5	17.0	17.0
SC	3.0	3.5	20.0	36.0
SD	3.0	5.0	20.5	22.0
TX	3.0	3.0	21.5	25.5
VA	6.0	3.0	13.5	18.0
WA	6.5	11.0	41.0	52.0
WI	10.0	0.0	25.5	37.0
Oth Sts ²	3.2	3.5	25.8	25.4
US	4.4	3.4	22.4	25.8

¹ As of first of month.

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**Hatchery Production: Eggs in Incubators, Chicks Hatched,
and Placements by Type, United States, August-September 2005-06**

Item	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Egg-Type			
Eggs in Incubators on Sep 1	34,505	35,823	104
Chicks Hatched During Aug	38,700	34,892	90
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Aug	299,891	288,754	96
Pullets Hatched During Aug for Intended Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks 7-18 Months Earlier ¹	261 3,040	253 2,876	97 95
Broiler-Type			
Eggs in Incubators on Sep 1	654,789	656,333	100
Chicks Hatched During Aug	812,474	809,284	100
Chicks Hatched Jan thru Aug	6,380,133	6,349,465	100
Pullets Hatched During Aug for Intended Placements in Hatchery Supply Flocks 7-15 Months Earlier ²	7,484 62,972	7,631 64,344	102 102

¹ 2006 includes pullet chicks hatched Feb 2005 through Jan 2006.

² 2006 includes pullet chicks hatched May 2005 through Jan 2006.

**Egg-Type Eggs in Incubators: By Region and United States,
September 1, 2005-06**

Region	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
North Atlantic	5,316	6,681	126
E North Central	5,818	6,915	119
W North Central	6,855	8,060	118
South Atlantic	3,950	4,615	117
South Central	5,235	4,849	93
West	7,331	4,703	64
US	34,505	35,823	104

Regions:

North Atlantic = CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT.

E North Central = IL, IN, MI, OH, WI.

W North Central = IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD.

South Atlantic = DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV.

South Central = AL, AR, KY, LA, MS, OK, TN, TX.

West = AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY.

**Egg-Type Chicks Hatched: By State and United States,
August 2005-06**

State	During August			Jan-Aug		
	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
GA	2,311	2,069	90	18,296	17,996	98
IN	5,460	4,918	90	40,749	39,030	96
IA	6,579	6,694	102	51,014	53,295	104
MN	1,130	975	86	8,513	7,734	91
PA	5,841	5,057	87	39,735	35,411	89
Oth Sts ¹	17,379	15,179	87	141,584	135,288	96
US	38,700	34,892	90	299,891	288,754	96

¹ Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched: By Month, United States, 2005-06

Month	By Months			Cumulative		
	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Jan	38,291	35,422	93	38,291	35,422	93
Feb	34,427	33,665	98	72,718	69,087	95
Mar	41,701	38,918	93	114,419	108,005	94
Apr	38,049	34,613	91	152,468	142,618	94
May	38,792	40,320	104	191,260	182,938	96
Jun	35,034	37,700	108	226,294	220,638	98
Jul	34,897	33,224	95	261,191	253,862	97
Aug	38,700	34,892	90	299,891	288,754	96
Sep	33,623			333,514		
Oct	35,461			368,975		
Nov	32,285			401,260		
Dec	35,917			437,177		

**Intended Placements: Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery Supply
Flocks by Month and Total, United States, 2005-06¹**

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched		2006 as % of 2005	Cumulative Potential Plcmts Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-18 Months Earlier ²	
	2005	2006		2006	2007
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Jan	157	188	120	2,837	2,842
Feb	208	196	94	2,845	2,920
Mar	314	286	91	2,788	2,912
Apr	308	255	83	2,958	
May	190	241	127	2,878	
Jun	175	183	105	2,833	
Jul	242	320	132	2,845	
Aug	261	253	97	2,876	
Sep	375			2,864	
Oct	188			2,836	
Nov	180			2,783	
Dec	247			2,834	
Total	2,845				

¹ Reported by leading breeders. Coverage may not be 100 percent. Includes expected pullet chicks from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30 dozen case of eggs.

² For August 2006, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched Feb 2005 through Jan 2006. The 7-18 months represent the first laying cycle. Molting and additional laying cycles will increase the cumulative potential placements.

**Broiler-Type Eggs in Incubators: By Region
and United States, September 1, 2005-06**

Region	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
North Atlantic	12,475	12,296	99
E North Central	9,102	9,120	100
W North Central	24,336	24,343	100
South Atlantic	236,215	242,346	103
South Central	346,762	344,088	99
West	25,899	24,140	93
US	654,789	656,333	100

**Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched: By State
and United States, August 2005-06**

State	During August			Jan-Aug		
	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	117,170	117,638	100	896,124	911,766	102
AR	112,714	110,145	98	898,990	879,893	98
DE	15,013	14,785	98	116,852	111,975	96
FL	5,080	5,056	100	39,106	39,265	100
GA	121,747	127,237	105	964,957	992,277	103
KY	26,252	27,274	104	205,246	205,303	100
LA	15,225	14,562	96	118,087	116,700	99
MD	32,502	32,247	99	252,605	251,629	100
MS	70,772	67,615	96	567,119	533,763	94
NC	67,182	67,688	101	532,379	538,744	101
OK	24,341	22,952	94	189,337	182,274	96
PA	15,184	14,748	97	114,906	113,592	99
SC	18,634	19,492	105	146,012	150,245	103
TX	55,091	55,149	100	442,375	437,705	99
VA	23,544	23,668	101	188,199	186,909	99
CA, MO, TN, & WV	68,013	66,279	97	526,001	435,671	83
19 Sts ¹	788,464	786,535	100	6,198,295	6,087,711	98
Oth Sts ²	24,010	22,749	95	181,838	261,754	144
US	812,474	809,284	100	6,380,133	6,349,465	100

¹ States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program.

² Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched: By Month, United States, 2005-06

Month	By Months			Cumulative		
	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Jan	797,576	804,073	101	797,576	804,073	101
Feb	732,038	733,145	100	1,529,614	1,537,218	100
Mar	816,552	817,068	100	2,346,166	2,354,286	100
Apr	792,173	787,064	99	3,138,339	3,141,350	100
May	823,993	810,908	98	3,962,332	3,952,258	100
Jun	796,945	787,791	99	4,759,277	4,740,049	100
Jul	808,382	800,132	99	5,567,659	5,540,181	100
Aug	812,474	809,284	100	6,380,133	6,349,465	100
Sep	771,146			7,151,279		
Oct	776,449			7,927,728		
Nov	747,866			8,675,594		
Dec	808,525			9,484,119		

**Intended Placements: Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks for Hatchery
Supply Flocks by Month and Total, 2005-06 ¹**

Month	Pullet Chicks Hatched		2006 as % of 2005	Cumulative Potential Plcmts Relative to Current Supply Flocks 7-15 Months Earlier ²	
	2005	2006		2006	2007
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
US Place- ments					
Jan	6,409	6,825	106	62,860	64,544
Feb	7,325	7,593	104	63,060	64,056
Mar	7,077	7,012	99	63,416	64,389
Apr	6,800	6,593	97	63,776	
May	7,783	7,531	97	64,311	
Jun	7,109	7,636	107	64,284	
Jul	6,657	6,456	97	64,319	
Aug	7,484	7,631	102	64,344	
Sep	7,132			64,154	
Oct	6,944			64,057	
Nov	7,298			63,993	
Dec	7,112			64,040	
Annual Total	85,130				
Total Place- ments ³					
Jan	7,804	8,018	103		
Feb	8,664	9,026	104		
Mar	8,709	8,415	97		
Apr	7,995	7,558	95		
May	8,995	8,930	99		
Jun	8,571	9,144	107		
Jul ⁴	7,846	7,845	100		
Aug	9,084	9,170	101		
Sep	8,683				
Oct	8,279				
Nov	8,830				
Dec	8,256				
Annual Total	101,716				

¹ Reported by leading breeders. Coverage may not be 100 percent. Includes expected pullet chicks from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30 dozen case of eggs.

² For Aug 2006, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched May 2005 through Jan 2006.

³ U.S. production of intended placements worldwide.

⁴ Revision to 2006 only.

Reliability of Chicken and Eggs Estimates

Survey Procedures: Primary data for the "**Chickens and Eggs**" report are from weekly and/or monthly questionnaires sent to producers. An attempt is made to collect information for layer and egg estimates from each known contractor and independent producer who has at least 30,000 table egg layers, flocks of hatchery supply layers, or pullet only operations with at least 500 pullets. Coverage for operations with less than 30,000 table egg layers are estimated each month based on data reported in December. Approximately 650 contractors, independent egg producers, and pullet only operations are contacted each month. All known hatcheries, approximately 330, are contacted for information on a weekly and/or monthly basis.

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Sound statistical methodology is employed to derive estimates from the reported data. All data are checked for unusual values. All operations' data are compared to their own past operating profiles and also to trends from other operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. Survey data are subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions and mistakes in reporting and in processing. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized by reviewing all data for consistency and reasonableness.

Egg-type chicks hatched consist of all chicks of egg-type domesticated breeds including males and chicks destined for hatchery supply flocks and research purposes. The relationship of chicks hatched to chicken inventory and poultry marketings is carefully monitored. The disposition of egg-type chicks hatched prior to placement into the laying flock can vary significantly, which can make comparisons to changes in layer inventory inconsistent over time.

Intended placement data reported by leading breeders include pullet chicks expected from eggs sold the preceding month. The breeders in this report account for a large percentage of replacement pullets for hatchery supply flocks. Production of replacement pullets by these breeders indicates the number of pullets available to hatchery supply flocks several months before the pullets will actually move into the flocks. "Hatchery Supply Flocks" include all generations of layers which could lay eggs to supply a hatchery. This includes the generations of parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, pedigree, etc. Also included are research flocks, vaccine flocks, and specific pathogen-free flocks. The broiler cumulative potential placements are a moving total of the intended placements 7-15 months earlier. The egg-type cumulative potential placements of 7-18 months represent the first laying cycle. Molting and additional laying cycles will increase the cumulative potential placements of egg-type hatching flocks.

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